UIL - Computer Science Programming Packet - Region - 2017

10. Rishi

Program Name: Rishi.java Test Input File: rishi.dat

Data compression is new to Rishi in his computer study, and he is fascinated with it. He has been experimenting with different methods and needs your help with a process called run-length encoding, which simply counts sequences of like data and creates a shorter string in a coded fashion.

For example, the string in the first sample data item below has several instances of repeated letters, which can be encoded into a shorter string by counting the number of instances of the letter and listing that letter once, preceded by the number of occurrences of that letter.

As you can see, the letter 'A' occurs 4 times at the start, which results in the coded string "4A". That is followed by 4 Bs, 2 As, 6 Cs, and 7 Ds, resulting in the encoded string shown.

Decompressing such a string is a simple task as well. You just work through the encoded string and expand it, as shown in the second example. The first number/letter pair is 12X, which means "XXXXXXXXXXXXXX", followed by "YYYY" and "ZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZ".

Input: A string to be compressed, or a compressed string to be decompressed. The string to be compressed will contain only uppercase letters, and the encoded string will contain a series of number/letter pairs.

Output: The resulting decompressed, or compressed, string from the given input.

Sample Input:

AAAABBBBAACCCCCCDDDDDDD 12X4Y12Z RSRSRSRRRRRRRRRSSSSSSSSSSSS 6W3B9W4B3W

Sample Output: